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1. IN MOST RECENT DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, MFA DISARMAMENT OFFICE DIRECTOR NITTI WONDERED WHAT PROMPTED U.S. TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME. HE RECALLED THAT WHEN THE GOI HAD MADE SIMILAR SUGGESTIONS IN THE 1960'S, THE U.S. SHOWED NO ENTHUSIASM, POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF INVOLVEMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND MISSLE EAST.

2. IF THE U.S. PLANNED TO GO BEYOND AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S SPRING CCD STATEMENT AND ACTUALLY TABLE A PROPOSAL, NITTI SUGGESTED WE SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO HOW TO NEUTRALIZE THIRD WORLD CHARGES OF "SUPER-POWER RACISM AND HYPOCRISY". AT THE NPT REVCON, WE WOULD RECALL, THE SUPER-POWERS WERE ACCUSED OF ACTING NOT TO DISARM THEMSELVES BUT ONLY TO TRY TO KEEP NUCLEAR WEAPONS OUT OF THE HANDS OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

3. NITTI EMPHASIZED THAT WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONCERTED THIRD WORLD PRESSURES. THOSE PRESSURES IN HIS VIEW HAD FORCED THE SOVIETS TO AGREE TO A MORAL COMMITMENT TO REDUCE NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS WHEREAS THE SOVIET PREFERENCE HAD BEEN TO SIMPLY REFINE LIMITATIONS ON USE AND DEVELOPMENT.

4. EMBOFF SUGGESTED TO NITTI THAT PRECEDENTS ESTABLISHED BY MBFR TALKS AND RECENT AYACUCHO AGREEMENT ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA MAY HAVE SET SOME GUIDELINES FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. MOREOVER, THE U.S. CONGRESS IN THE 1974 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT CALLED FOR AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT BY JUNE OF THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING U.S. EFFORTS TO CONTROL CONVENTIONAL ARMS ACQUISITIONS, PARTICULARLY BY THE POOR NATIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND THE COUNTRIES IN AREAS OF HIGH TENSION. THIS CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE HAD TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY THOUGH IN FACT IT MAY PRESENT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS NITTI HAD ALLUDED TO EARLIER. VOLPE

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